

## **CHILD AND ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT**

The County Attorney's Division of Health and Human Services represents the Department of Health and Human Services, including Child Welfare Services in Juvenile Court, and Adult Protective Services.

<b>Action - Child Welfare Services/Juvenile Court</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
Number of Children in Need of Assistance (CINA) or Guardianship Hearings	2418	2546	2422	828
Number of New CINA Petitions Filed	210	214	207	86
Number of CINA Cases Closed	275	216	215	84
Number of New Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Petitions Filed	59	36	29	13
Number of TPRs Granted	53	25	33	5
Number of New Adoption Petitions Filed	43	43	30	4
Number of Adoptions Granted	34	47	29	3

The HHS Division also represents the Public Guardianship Program, a highly specialized department within HHS. For adults under 65, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services may be appointed as guardian of the person. For adults over 65, the Director of the County Office on Aging may be appointed as guardian of the person. For both age groups, Maryland law stipulates that the County may only be appointed as guardian as a last resort, when there are no other viable alternatives.

<b>Action - Adult Protective Services/Circuit Court</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>	<b>FY 2012</b>	<b>FY 2013</b>
Number of Adult Guardianship Hearings	64	66	79	36
Number of Adult Guardianship Petitions Filed	22	10	20	12